

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of packaging a web comprising:
slitting a web to form a slit web of two or more narrower
webs; and

folding the slit web into superimposed layers by:
directing the slit web to a single nip formed by
first and second rotating reels,

inducing the slit web to move with the first
and second rotating reels a length of a predetermined rotational angle to
provide simultaneous folding of the two or more narrower adjacent webs of
the slit web by holding the two or more narrower webs alternatively against
surfaces of the first and second rotating reels to simultaneously form
adjacent stacks, the narrower web of each stack having a first end and a
second end, and

joining the ends of the two or more narrower
webs together so that the two or more narrower adjacent webs form a
continuous web whose length corresponds to a combined length of the two
or more narrower adjacent webs.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the step of
joining the ends of the two or more narrower webs comprises joining a first
end of an outermost stack to a second end of an adjacent stack, whose first
end is joined to a second end of a next adjacent stack, the joining process
continuing until all of the webs are joined to form a continuous whole
whose length corresponds to the combined length of the two or more
narrower webs.

